

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2020

A Regular Meeting was held by the Grey Forest City Council of the City of Grey Forest, Texas on February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grey Forest Council Chambers, 18502 Scenic Loop Road, Grey Forest, Texas.

The following members present to-wit:

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Darst
Council member Kimberly Verity

Council member Sean Skaggs
Council member Geri Poss

Staff Present:

Chief Rene Rodriguez
Sgt. Scott Ristow

City Secretary, Shannan Kinsley
Assistant to City Secretary, Joni Baker

Citizen's Present:

Don Reddout	Emory Bluhm
Madeline McCloskey	Mitch Thornton
Susan Beavin	Sonya Herrera
Sunshine Baker	

Call to Order – City Council Regular Session

Mayor Pro Tem Darst called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

(Mayor Pro Tem Darst)

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes – Consideration and/or action regarding the approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 28, 2020. Council member Skaggs asked for a change on pg. 2, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line down to reflect “trial” instead of “trail”. ***Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Council member Skaggs who moved to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by Council member Poss. The vote was unanimous with Council members Verity and Darst voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.***

Hearing of Residents

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized the following who spoke:

- Sunshine Baker stated now that we have formal parking across the street from City Hall, it would be wise to have a crosswalk. Shannan Kinsley stated the plans have been drawn up and suggestions given to Mayor Howard.

Mayor Announcements – None

January 2020 Monthly Financials – The monthly financials were provided. There were no comments.

Council/Staff Announcements – None

Committee Announcements/Reports – None

Grey Forest Community Board (GFCB) Update

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Madeline McCloskey who announced the following:

- The Board is talking to the Nature Conservancy regarding easements on the creeks. The Board voted to get more information. They will make a presentation to City Council at some point.
- 4-H students will be pulling Ligustrum by Deep Springs Dam.
- 3 baseball teams are practicing on the field; 1 is a local family.
- The Board is discussing money for porch lights and a port a potty cover.
- Public Works is helping remove trees.
- Matt Galvan will remove large Sycamore trees.
- Property owners off Scenic Loop Road are allowing access to the creek from their property for removal of trees.
- There will be a massive cleanup effort of the upper creek over Spring Break.
- They are proceeding to gather more information on conservation.

Senator Frank L. Madla, Jr. Natural Area Update - None

City Events and Announcements

Winner of Bumper Sticker Contest

Congratulations Kimberly Verity.

Madla Fundraiser

March 21, 2020.

Board of Adjustment Update - None

Police Department Activity Report

Chief Rene Rodriguez announced the January 2020 Monthly Report.

- 1072 hours worked, 4115 approximate miles driven, 263 calls for service, summons 48/38 (citations), 52 total traffic stops and 14 warnings.
- Sgt. Scott Ristow is taking over Code Enforcement efforts beginning 01/20/2020.
- Quarterly Crime Prevention meetings began 01/20/2020.

- Chief Rodriguez attended a TCOLE mandated Chief training school February 3rd – 7th at Sam Houston – Huntsville.
- New computer equipment has been installed.
- Sgt. Scott Ristow presented Kimberly Verity with a plaque as the winner of the design of the Vehicle Bumper Identification Sticker. The sticker design depicts 0% crime. There is a form for citizens to fill out and get stickers. Dr. Lou Baeten presented Kimberly Verity with a gift certificate to Grey Moss Inn for designing the sticker.

Public Works Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Shannan Kinsley to provide the following announcements:

- Public Works painted the Council Chambers and put up a chair rail.

GFU Utility Announcements – None

Fire Department Report

Don Reddout provided the announcements of the January 2020 Department Incident Report.

- There were 5 calls for service for the month of January 2020; all 5 were Medical. Average Response Time 4.60 minutes. Average Personnel 1.80.
- The new Fire Station is coming along, and steel is going up.

New Business

1. Present Certification of Unopposed Candidates

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Shannan Kinsley who presented the “Certification of Unopposed Candidates. She stated all positions were unopposed.

2. Discuss and Act on Ordinance 241 Cancelling the May 2, 2020 Municipal Election

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Council member Verity who made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 241 and was seconded by Council member Skaggs. The vote was unanimous with Council members Darst and Poss voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.

3. Discuss and Act on Request from the Grey Forest Community Board (GFCB) to Reallocate City of Grey Forest, Community Board Park Operations Budgeted Funds

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Madeline McCloskey who stated they did not realize it would cost so much to install lights. She would like to ask Council to make changes to the budget and shift money for installation of lights on the Community Center. Maverick Electric will install the lights. The money can be moved from Creek Maintenance to Community Grounds Upgrades. The cost is approximately \$1,200 plus 20% = \$1,500. *Mayor Pro Tem Darst made the motion to move \$1,500 from E-11.A Helotes and Lee Creek Maintenance to E-11.F Community Grounds Upgrade for electrical upgrades. The motion was seconded by Council member Skaggs. The vote was unanimous with Council members Verity and Poss voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.*

Unfinished Business

4. Presentation of the Police Volunteer Program Issuing Grey Forest Stickers for Resident Vehicles – Mayor Pro Tem Darst stated this item was discussed earlier this evening.

5. Discuss and Act on Ordinance No. 240 to Lesson the Restrictions Placed on the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on City-Owned Property by Amending Section 8.01.001(c), Regulations of Chapter 8, Article 8.01, of the Grey Forest Code of Ordinances

Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Sonya Herrera who stated the proposed changes were recommended by Mayor Howard. The proposed changes repeal many of the restrictions placed on the consumption of alcohol on City-Owned Property. The lessee must still secure the services of a paid commissioned licensed Peace Officer approved by the City Police Chief. *Mayor Pro Tem Darst recognized Council member Skaggs who made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 240. The motion was seconded by Council member Poss. The vote was unanimous with Council members Verity and Darst voting for and no one voting no. Motion Passed.*

6. Discuss and Act on Ordinance No. 239 Implementing a Policy and Procedure to Address the Retention of Public Records and Compliance with SB944

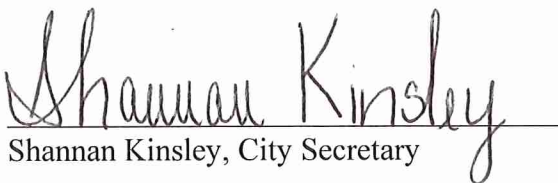
Mayor Pro Tem Darst stated that she committed to reviewing how the City of Helotes handles this and providing that information to Council however, she got busy and was unable to do so. She believes this should be simplified and start with using a City provided email. Council member Verity stated she would like to table this item and continue to research options. Council member Poss stated she feels that is reasonable. *Council member Poss made the motion to table this item and bring it back at the next meeting after more research. The motion was seconded by Council member Skaggs. The motion was unanimous with Council members Verity and Darst voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.*

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Darst adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:24 p.m.


Charles Mitchell Thornton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannan Kinsley, City Secretary